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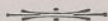
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Editorial.



THE weeks which have elapsed since our last number appeared have caused no little anxiety in the great capitals of Europe. The war cloud which had been hovering so long over the Balkans burst in a storm at the beginning of October, and all the horrors of a European war have been brought home to us. At the time of writing we learn that the peace proposals have been rejected, and that, in spite of the fact that Turkey is on the verge of destruction, the war is to go on, the far-reaching effects of which it is difficult to foresee. Let us hope that it may continue localized, and that the New Year will usher in a reign of lasting peace.

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It is more pleasing to mention some happenings which more directly concern the School. L. J. D. Richardson, who has been a familiar figure to those connected with this School for almost a decade, entered Trinity College last October with all the honours which his brilliant school career led us to expect. He obtained first place at the Junior and Schools' Exhibition Examination on an unusually high mark, thus repeating the success of Max Nurock last year and J. M. Barron the previous year. We may mention that this is the tenth time within the last fifteen years that a High School student has obtained the first place at this examination, and the third set of three consecutive firsts within that period a record of which, we are sure, no other school can boast, and of which we may well be proud. He also obtained one of the much coveted Sizarships in Classics, and followed the good lead given him by Max Nurock last year by obtaining Entrance Prizes in Latin Verse (1st), Greek Prose (1st), and Hebrew (2nd).

Among his school distinctions he obtained Exhibitions in all three grades of the Intermediate, winning the Blue Riband of the Senior Grade in Classics in 1911, and the Medal in Greek Testament in the Synod Examination on two occasions. Finally, we may mention that he has been connected with the *Erasmian* for more than two years, and consequently we do not think it amiss to recapitulate his distinctions on the page which he so often adorned.

H. V. Thornton is also to be congratulated on obtaining a first-class Junior Exhibition (he succeeded in obtaining full marks in Latin Viva-voce), and he has been awarded by the Governors an Erasmus Smith Statutory Exhibition of the second class. We also miss J. R. Duggan, who has entered the Medical School, and who was a prominent member of both our Rifle and Football Clubs. Our good wishes follow them.

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The Annual Prize Distribution was held on Friday, November 1st, and, as usual, proved a great success. The prizes were distributed by J. A. Maconchy, Esq., J.P., the new Chairman of the Board of Governors. A full account will be found elsewhere.

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We do not think it possible to conclude without paying a tribute to one of our Old Boys who has gained distinction in a different sphere to those whom we have mentioned above. G. W. Holmes, who got his "cap" for Trinity last year, has been selected as centre three-quarter on the team to represent Ireland against the South Africans in Dublin on the 30th November. We offer him our heartiest congratulations on gaining this signal honour, and we are sure that he will fully justify his selection as our many representatives who have worn the green jersey (of whom H. Thrift, the present Fellow, was the last) have done in the past.

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It is not without a considerable amount of anxiety that we produce our first number of the *Erasmian*, especially when we consider the excellence of our predecessors' effusions. We would remind our readers that an editor's office is by no means a sine-cure, and we appeal for a spirit of mutual co-operation among our fellow-students. We would remind them that there is a box provided in School for literary contributions, of which we would like to see greater advantage taken. Feeling confident that they will still continue to give us their hearty support, we conclude by wishing to all our friends and readers, parents, pupils, and Old Boys, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



School Notes, and Notes on Old Boys.



THE Head Master delivered a lecture, under the auspices of the Classical Association of Ireland, on November 22nd, his subject being "Julius Cæsar and the Gauls." The lecture was accompanied by a large number of lantern slides illustrating the subject, as well as some showing views of the Roman remains at present existing in France.

The Annual Old Boys' Dinner has been fixed for Thursday, 5th December, in the Dolphin Hotel. The chair will be taken by Prof. W. E. Thrift, F.T.C.D.

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The custom of having the various classes in school photographed has been renewed, and on the 11th of November we endured the ordeal of facing the photographer.

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The Rev. T. F. Pemberton, M.A., delivered a lecture in School on the 21st of October, and gave an interesting account of some of his Mission work in India.

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We were visited by Intermediate Inspectors, Messrs. Kerin and O'Neill, about the middle of October.

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We hope that the Debating Society will resuscitate itself, and that several debates will be held this winter.

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The Swimming Club continued their visits to the Iveagh Baths during the month of September.

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The Rifle Club has been holding its weekly practices regularly, over which Mr. Bennett very kindly presides.

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At the recent Junior Exhibition Examination in Trinity College, L. J. D. Richardson (1903-1912) obtained the first place, thus carrying off the High School Exhibition (increased by £10 a year by winning the first place) of £35 a year for four years. He also obtained a Classical Sizarship, and, in addition, won at Entrance the First Prize for Greek Prose, the First Prize for Latin Verse, and the Second Prize for Hebrew.

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H. V. Thornton (1905-1912) at the same Examination obtained a First-class Junior Exhibition, and has been awarded by the Governors a Second-class Statutory Exhibition.

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D. E. Allen (1906-1912) and F. Synnott (1899-1904) have passed the Autumn Entrance.

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C. H. York (1899-1908) has passed the Junior Freshman Term Examination.

G. W. Holmes (1907-1909) has passed the Junior Sophister Term Examination.

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J. M. Barron (1900-1910), C. C. Oulton (1901-1905), and J. M. Craig (1910) have passed the "Little-Go" Examination, Barron in the First-class, and Oulton and Craig in the Second-class.

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J. M. Barron at the Senior Freshman Michaelmas Prize Examination obtained an Honour of the second rank in Modern History, and also in Botany, Zoology and Geology.

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In the corresponding Junior Freshman Examination Max Nurock, Sch. (1904-1911) obtained First of the First Honours in Classics.

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In the Engineering School, W. S. Worthington-Eyre (1909) has passed in the Middle Year in Chemistry, and C. G. Carolin (1907-1910) in the Junior Year in Physics.

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In the Medical School, E. Lipman (1898-1905) has passed the First Preliminary Scientific Examination.

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W. S. Worthington-Eyre has been awarded the College Historical Society's Silver Medal for Composition for last session.

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In the Royal College of Surgeons, G. M. C. Powell (1904-1909) has obtained the Carmichael Scholarship (£15), the Stoney Memorial Gold Medal in Anatomy, First Prize (£2), and Medal in Public Health and Forensic Medicine, Second Prize (£1), and Certificate in Materia Medica, and has passed the Preliminary Fellowship Examination.

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G. H. Cross (1907-1909) has obtained a Clerkship in Guinness' Brewery.

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R. Green (1903-1907) has qualified for a Second Lieutenancy in the R.A.M.C.

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C. H. Darley, B.L. (1888-1897) has received an important appointment under the Insurance Act.

Rev. H. M. C. Hughes, M.A. (1890-1894), Rector of Kilmainham Wood, has been appointed Rector of the Parish of Newtown Fertullagh.

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M. Noyk (1896-1903) has passed the Solicitors' Final Examination of the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland, and has been admitted a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Judicature in Ireland.



MARRIAGES.

M'CONNELL (1892-1902) AND ROBERTSON—October 30, 1912, at Holy Trinity Church, Rathmines, by the Rev. R. Creed Meredith, B.A., assisted by the Rev. Canon Harris, M.A., Rector, the Rev. Frederick M'Connell, M.A., Tulse Hill, London, youngest son of James M'Connell, 48 Lower Sackville Street, Dublin, to Robena, youngest daughter of William Robertson, 13 Charleville Road, Rathmines.

PAGE (1894-1899) AND PETERSON—August 21, 1912, at St. Margaret's Church, Chicago, Richard Alexander, fourth son of Wm. Page, 35 Mountpleasant Square, Dublin, to Anna Elfrieda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Peterson, of Chicago.

We have also to congratulate G. C. Duggan (1896-1903) on his recent marriage.



The Prize Distribution.



THE Prize Distribution was held this year on Friday, 1st November, in the presence of a large and fashionable gathering of parents and Old Boys. The Clock-room was specially arranged for the occasion, and the walls were relieved of their usual gloomy aspect by a series of pictures of educational interest. The chair was taken by the Chairman of the Board of Erasmus Smith, Mr. J. A. Maconchy, J.P., who distributed the prizes. He was supported on the platform by the Provost of Trinity College, Mr. R. S. Longworth Dames, Professor W. E. Thrift, F.T.C.D.; Mr. E. H. Alton, F.T.C.D.; Dr. F. A. Purser, Mr. J. Andrew, Sir G. Stokes, K.C.S.I.; Hon. and Rev. B. J. Plunket, M.A.; Mr. S. B. Ormsby, J.P.; Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D.; Rev. Canon Carleton, D.D.; Mr. A. L. B. Moore; while apologies were received from—His Grace the Primate, Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor, Rev. Principal H. K. Moore, D.D.; Very Rev. Dean of the Chapel Royal, Sir Andrew Reed, LL.D., K.C.B., and Sir William J. Goulding, Bart.

After the ceremony the visitors were entertained by the Governors to tea in the Board Room, simultaneously with which Mr. Cousins gave a lantern lecture in the Art Room on the "Balkans" to relieve the congestion in the Board Room which would otherwise have ensued. The boys also had tea in the Clock-room, which was greatly appreciated.

HEAD MASTER'S REPORT.

I have much pleasure in presenting to-day my annual report on this school. In the first place may I, Sir, congratulate you and the school on your appointment in succession to the Provost of Trinity College as Chairman of our Board of Governors, and express my satisfaction in being able to give you an account of the school showing that during the past year we have done excellent work and made good progress. Speaking of the school as a whole I can say with conviction that I do not know of any time when its condition whether as to morale or as to work, or as to conduct was at a higher level than it is to-day, a condition for which thanks are due to all who have worked and are working for its welfare.

Before, however, dealing in detail with the work of the school during the past year, it is my duty to make reference to the passing away of two former masters whose names will be closely connected with its history, and both of whom retired on pension at the same time in the summer of 1908. Mr. W. S. Cooney, who died on May 25th last, was a mathematical master here from the opening of the school in 1870, and had therefore spent no less than thirty-eight years in its service. There never was an assistant master who threw himself more heart and soul into the welfare of the boys whether in school or, more especially, out of school on the playing field, and his sympathy with their pursuits earned him the genuine love and respect of all his former pupils. His death was followed at the interval of barely two months by that of Mr. William Wilkins, which took place suddenly on the last day of July at Harrogate, where he had gone for the benefit of his health. Mr. Wilkins was a brilliant mathematical and English scholar, and was the mathematical student of Trinity College in 1878, when he graduated as a Senior Moderator both in mathematics and in English. He was appointed head master of this school in succession to its first head—Dr. Cresswell—in 1879, and presided over its destinies for twenty-nine years, during which time the school rose to a very high position among Irish schools, and sent to Trinity College and elsewhere a long line of men who have since achieved fame and distinction in many and varied fields of learning and of administration, as Fellows and Professors of University Colleges, members of the Bar, and dignitaries of the Church, in the Home and Indian Civil, and other branches of the Service, as well as elsewhere, and have thus

established a tradition which it is our duty and privilege to endeavour to maintain.

In the school itself there also are changes to record. The Board of Governors decided last year to strengthen the staff by appointing a senior Classical master instead of a junior assistant, and we have been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Bennett, who was in 1906 University Classical Student in Trinity College. At the same time Mr. A. E. Lyster, who had been the Senior Mathematical and Science Master, retired on a pension after nearly twenty years' service. Mr. Lyster, who had a very distinguished career in Trinity College, was a highly conscientious teacher and a loyal and honourable colleague, and had won the esteem and respect of all his pupils. His retirement, which I regret to say was due to ill-health, gave an opportunity for the re-arrangement of the science and mathematical classes, so that during the past year both the classical and mathematical sides of the school have been reorganised and improved. The benefit of these changes, which took place at Christmas in the middle of the school year, was only partially felt during the past year, but will make itself more conspicuous during the present session.

There have also been two or three changes of a different nature in the school. First, the Board of Governors have agreed to a recommendation of mine that the school should close on Wednesdays at two o'clock instead of three as heretofore. The object of this was to afford to every boy a better opportunity, especially in the winter months, of taking part in the afternoon games, and this change, I need hardly say, has proved highly popular. Next there was introduced at the beginning of this term a new system of note-book, to which I should like to call the attention of parents. Every boy has now a note-book of his own, which he can carry in his pocket, which serves three or four useful purposes. On the inside of the cover at the beginning, is a copy of the school rules which a boy is bound to observe, and at the end of the book is the complete time table of his class. The book itself is in two parts. The first part consists of a register in which a boy keeps a record of all the marks he receives in the different subjects, and the second part is divided into sections in which a boy enters what his home work is from day to day. The book therefore is of great use as a sort of reference compendium to a boy and also to the parent. Both the boy and his parents know from it his subjects from day to day, the marks he gets in these subjects, and the home work he has every evening. If parents will from time to time look at these books they will have at once a record of their son's progress and a check upon his work. Thirdly, during the summer a new bicycle shed was built in the playground which has relieved the congestion of bicycles, and there is now ample room for every boy's bicycle. And, lastly, visitors will have noticed that in the entrance hall a tablet has

been put up by a few of his old school-fellows and friends to commemorate R. W. Ashe, who was murdered in India by a political assassin in June of last year.

I will now give some account of the results achieved by pupils of the school in external examinations, dealing first with the Intermediate Examinations. I am glad to say that this year the number of boys passing these examinations has again shown a decided increase. In 1910 we passed 32 boys, in 1911 43, and this year 50. This—viz., the number of boys passing in the examinations—is the best test of the work done for the Intermediate, the standard of passing being a high one. In the three higher grades in which alone boys may pass with honors, the school passed twice as many with honors this year as last. Last year we passed 7 out of 43, and this year 14 out of 50. In these three grades the percentage of boys passing the examinations was for the whole of Ireland 62 and for our school 82, and passing with honors for the whole of Ireland 19 and for our school 32. As the names of the boys who passed are in your hands I need not detain you with further details, except to mention those boys who obtained distinctions. In the Senior Grade, W. H. B. Mack obtained an exhibition in Classics, the medal for first place in Latin, the first composition prize for Latin, and the second composition prize in Greek. This is the third year in succession that the school has won the Latin medal and the first composition prize in this grade. In the Middle Grade, G. K. Carpenter won a £3 in Classics, and qualified for a £2 prize in Science; and M. Nurock won a £3 in Modern Languages. In the Junior Grade, John Bell won a £1 in Science; G. S. B. Mack a £3 prize in Classics, and qualified for a £3 in Modern Languages; C. J. Tanner a £1 in Modern Languages; and C. G. White a £1 prize in Mathematics, and qualified for a £1 prize in Science. In the Preparatory Grade there are no exhibitions and prizes, but one of our boys—J. Levy—was first in Latin, and another—J. Farrell—was first in Geometry with full marks.

Before leaving the subject of the Intermediate Examinations I should like to call attention to the fact that the conditions for winning exhibitions and prizes next year are materially altered and made more difficult. The changes which are important were fully explained in last number of the school magazine. Another important feature of next year's examinations is that there will be no preparatory grade. This is a reform which is to be welcomed for two reasons: it relieves children from the pressure of a competitive examination at an age when it is unnecessary, and secondly it gives the school a much desired freedom to draw up its own course of studies for pupils of that age, and thus allows teachers more elasticity in their methods of teaching. It should always be borne in mind that the tendency of the present age in education is to cramp the teacher's initiative, and therefore anything which

tends to increase his freedom and sense of personal responsibility in teaching is to be encouraged.

The results of the Scripture Examinations, both those held under the direction of the Church of Ireland Synod, and those of the Presbyterian General Assembly, were eminently satisfactory. To take the Church of Ireland Examinations first. In Greek Testament the school once more won the first place and silver medal, the successful pupil L. J. Richardson. Another boy, H. V. Thornton, was second, and five of our candidates were in the first seven places. Altogether in Greek Testament six boys won first class prizes, one a second, and two certificates. In the Senior Grade seven boys passed, two winning prizes, in the Middle Grade twenty-five boys passed, eleven winning prizes, and in the Junior Grade twenty-seven boys passed, twelve winning prizes. In the Presbyterian Examinations one boy passed in Greek Testament; in the Middle Grade four boys passed, three of them winning first class prizes, and one of them, C. A. Kinnear, obtaining first class in his grade; in the Junior Grade four boys passed, three of them obtaining prizes. Summing up in religious knowledge, seventy-seven boys passed, thirty-eight winning prizes, eleven first class, eight second class, and nineteen third class.

Before turning to the doings of past pupils, this is perhaps the best place in this report to mention again two matters which I referred to in my report on this platform last year, and which have recently attracted much public attention. I then made the following remarks:—"The Government has at length admitted the claim of Ireland for more funds for secondary education, and it has agreed to give a certain amount to begin with and to increase it as time goes on, devoting the money in the first instance to two objects. The first is the linking up of primary and secondary schools by a scheme of scholarships, and the second is to improve the position of assistant teachers in secondary schools. The latter is the only one of the two objects which will effect an improvement in our schools, and in my opinion it can only be effected by a system of registrations of teachers with proper qualifications." This is the statement I made twelve months ago. Everybody knows that these two proposals have only advanced so far that schemes have been issued for both of them which have met with considerable opposition, and it is still uncertain whether they will be carried through in the near future. I will only say this about the scheme for improving the position of secondary teachers. It does include a proposal for the registration of teachers, and it is a matter of public concern affecting the public and particularly the parents of pupils that the conditions of registration should be such as will guarantee sound and effective teaching. This cannot be carried out without public money, and it is, therefore, incumbent on the public to do its best that Mr. Birrell's proposed grant of £40,000 should not be lost. If it is lost all immediate

prospect of much needed improvements in Irish education will disappear. We teachers will continue to do our best in the future as in the past, but we know what great improvements are possible in Irish secondary education if only it were more adequately endowed.

The connection of this school with Trinity College has been so close and honourable that it is pleasant to record that in the course of the past year we sent there more pupils than for many years. Between last October and June ten boys have entered College, and once more and for the second year in succession one of our boys—Max Nurock—obtained the first place at the Entrance Exhibition Examination which was held last year. In consequence he was awarded the High School Exhibition increased in value by ten pounds a year from £25 to £35 a year for four years. He also won the first entrance prizes for Latin prose and Latin verse, and the second entrance prize for Greek verse, and was awarded by the Board of Trinity College its First Board Exhibition of £20 a year for two years. Last May he won further one of the highest distinctions in Trinity by obtaining the First Classical Scholarship in his Junior Freshman year, an achievement which has not been accomplished in Trinity during the last thirty years. Erasmus Smith Statutory Exhibitions have been awarded to G. S. B. Mack, C. H. York and W. B. Gilligan. Among the other former pupils in Trinity College I will mention N. B. White who won a prize at the Fellowship Examination, E. M. Norton who obtained a Senior Moderatorship in Ethics and Logics, and in the Divinity School First Bishop Forster's Divinity Premium, first Downes' Divinity Premium, and the Carson Biblical Prize; P. Campling who won a Theological Exhibition, a Hebrew Premium, and the Warren Church Formularies Prize; W. S. Gray who completed his course in Engineering School by winning special prizes in Geology and Mineralogy; in the Medical School, E. H. Wilkins, O. V. Burrows and I. H. Powell completed their course, the two former by passing the final examinations on high marks; while H. M. Daniel and R. T. Stoney are at the head of their classes in the second and first years respectively, Daniel especially distinguishing himself by winning both the Cunningham medal for Anatomy and the Purser medal for Physiology. W. O. Halpin took his M.D. degree, and the Rev. F. R. M. Hitchcock was awarded the D.D. degree by the Board of Trinity College for his Donnellan Lectures on "The Atonement and Modern Thought."

Distinctions have also been won elsewhere. J. C. Duncan has commenced his career at the Irish Bar by winning the John Brooke Exhibition of £50 a year for three years, awarded by the Benchers of the Hon. Society of King's Inns; R. R. Wilson has obtained a commission in the Royal Artillery; G. M. C. Powell has completed his course in the Royal College of Sur-

geons by winning the Carmichael Scholarship, the Stoney Memorial Gold Medal in Anatomy, and other prizes; J. Green, in the final examination of the Pharmaceutical Society, won first place and gold medal; C. S. Campbell and R. R. Spears have been successful candidates in the Second Division of the Civil Service, while other boys have obtained clerkships in banks and other offices; T. H. Hinkson won a Foundation Scholarship at Tonbridge School; and R. L. Valentine has obtained the Teachers' Diploma in the Royal College of Science, with prizes for Geology, Zoology, and Botany. You will see these and other distinctions in the lists in your hands; but I always like on these occasions to refer also to honours won by Old Boys which are not gained by examination. J. C. Duncan, A. J. Callaghan, and H. S. Doig have been called to the Irish Bar, and R. R. Smylie called to the English Bar. F. E. A. Campbell has been appointed Professor of English in Aberdeen University, A. C. Ellis has been appointed Auditor to the Local Government Board, H. W. White, House Surgeon to the London Metropolitan Hospital, and the Rev. J. C. Forrester head of the Dublin University Mission in Chota Nagpur. Records of this kind show that the School is doing its work in sending out men who are a credit to it and to the country.

Finally, the different clubs and societies continue to show a healthy existence. The Athletic Sports were held at Ballsbridge on June 27, when the School Championship was won by G. L. W. Eyre. The Football Club was captained by J. R. Brennan, who also represented the school in the Inter-Provincial matches; and the Cricket Club by N. L. Hannon, its representative in the Inter-Provincial match being J. D. Colquhoun. The Rifle Club won silver medals in June in the open competition at Ballsbridge, and the Swimming Club was this year more largely patronised than ever. The *Erasmian*, the school magazine, was edited by L. J. Richardson, who has now entered Trinity, and is succeeded by W. H. B. Mack.

Such is my report, a record of a year's events and changes. Behind all the changes there is something which it is not easy to put into words. There is a persistent and earnest endeavour to inspire and to maintain a high standard of work and, what is more important, of conduct which shall be a proud boast for the school and at the same time a subtle and penetrating influence that, both in and out of the classroom, shall be always improving the character of the pupils. Our aim is not merely to enable boys to pass examinations, but far more to infuse into them lofty ideals, so that they shall play an honourable part in life and reflect credit in the coming years on the school where they were taught and on the teachers by whom they were educated.

The Chairman, having distributed the prizes, said the report which they had heard from the Headmaster was productive of

pleasure, and indicated great prosperity and the high standard attained in the school. That result had been brought about in great measure through the ability of the boys; but at the same time they could not withhold their tribute of praise from the Headmaster and his able staff of assistants. Their ability, care, and attention, and the assiduity with which they devoted themselves to their duties, contributed in liberal measure to bring about the result. The prize-winners among the boys had their reward, for they had their hour of applause, and thus early in life they had won, as it were, the first skirmish in the campaign, and were leading in the first lap of the race. Ultimate success, however, was not gained by one single effort, but rather by unflinching care and constant effort. He did not like to describe the boys who had not won prizes as unsuccessful, because that was only their first step, and they should not feel discouraged. The prize-winners had won the first skirmish, but it was not always the first skirmish that decided the battle. It should be their aim to do their best. Whatever they had to do, they should do it with all their might. And then, under all the circumstances, they should, to use a commonplace phrase, play the game; that is, play it honourably and with a strict sense of what is just and right.

The Provost of Trinity College said it was a pleasure to him to be there once more, though not as chairman; but he had come to support his able successor in that office. The Board were quite agreed to elect him again, but he felt that the time had come when he should take more rest and give up a number of duties entirely voluntary, and accordingly he was vacating several of them, and restricting himself to the most important—first, of course, Trinity College, in all its branches; then the Representative Body of the Church of Ireland and its Finance Committee, of which, by the kindness of his friends, he was still chairman. The third board of great importance, but which gave him great trouble—the National Board of Education—was one on which he felt bound to remain, on account of the dangers to which the Church of Ireland schools were exposed when they had only five representatives out of twenty members. There was a constant crusade against their smaller schools urged on by the British Treasury, for the sake of paltry savings. Restricting his labours for the future, he would have more time to devote to his health and some necessary leisure. That was brought home to him by a curious incident, because that was his birthday—the seventy-fifth since he was born. They would, perhaps, remember that it was also All Saints' Day, and, further, that there was a saint called St. Anthony, the patron saint of letters, a sort of Postmaster-General among the saints. In taking this step, and proposing at the Board that Mr. Maconchy should be his successor, he might best describe it in the words of the late Marquis

of Dufferin on a somewhat similar occasion. It was at a banquet given to him in Belfast on his retirement from the Governor-Generalship of India. If put in plain language, such as they might bluntly use, it would amount to this—"I am old and deaf, and it is time for me to retire." The Marquis of Dufferin rendered that sentence in the following beautiful and eloquent language:—"I have now arrived at the span of human life, three score years and ten, when it is but fitting that I should make way for younger men, especially when I suffer from what people who are stone deaf euphemistically describe as being 'a little hard of hearing.'" Mr. Maconchy was highly qualified in every way to be his (the Provost's) successor, and he was also a valuable accession to the Church Representative Body. He was still comparatively young, though on a pension, which he (the Provost) had not yet reached. He had large experience in business matters and in business habits. Having had years of work in the Bankruptcy Court, he knew how to set to work to keep them from sliding in that direction.



Football Notes.

BEFORE proceeding to mention how the various teams have fared a few general remarks might be made about the Club as a whole.

Needless to say, we all, especially the footballers, appreciate the Wednesday half-holiday very much. It has been a great boon, for we have been enabled to play all our Wednesday matches in daylight. But there are still many in the school—and they are in the majority—who have not yet joined the Club. There are also many others who come up to Belgrave Square, use the Club property, feel badly treated if asked to stop, but yet refuse to join the Club. We are hoping that Burns, Randal Bell and Phillips will turn out after Christmas. Randal Bell, it will be remembered, played for the 1st XV. three years ago, but gave up playing through ill-health. His health has greatly improved since then, and will, no doubt, improve more and more if he returns to the game at which he used to be so good. We expect as many as possible to join the Club as soon as possible. Many parents, we believe, think that all should support the Club whether they play or not, and compulsory joining has been very successful elsewhere. Only those who are prevented physically or by distance should be excused in a school like the High School.

1ST XV.

The summary of results is as follows:—

Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points for.	Points against.
13	6	6	1	136	148

We regret to say that these results are not as satisfactory as might be desired. At the beginning of the season we won three matches with a total of 70 points for and nothing against, and so, naturally, we began to be too sanguine of success. Our pride had its fall when we met Mountjoy. Since then we have had but few victories.

This season we have had to face a most difficult problem, namely, how to get together a pack of forwards. To a certain extent we have been successful. Our forwards are clever in the loose, but too light and small to be able to hold their own in the tight. To counterbalance this weakness they should pack more tightly and lower in the "scrum." The heeling in the "scrum" is altogether too slow, and, further, they have still to learn the art of tackling low. If they improve these defects and their dribbling there is no reason why we should not turn out a pack as good as those of previous years.

Our backs have been a decided improvement on last year's. Their combination has, on the whole, been good. Our halves have worked excellently together, and the three-quarters have made good use of their opportunities. Their tackling is, at times, high, but generally very safe.

NOTES ON THE PLAYERS.

B. A. COHEN—Is a good touchfinder, fair tackler, weak fielder, but has seldom let his side down.

C. S. MARCHANT—Has improved since last year, is a useful drop-kick, has a good pair of hands, but lacks energy.

J. BELL—Is our best back, both in attack and defence, never spares himself, and is a sure tackler and fair touchfinder, often getting his side out of difficulties.

W. H. C. STONE—Is showing great improvement, is very little, if at all, behind Jack Bell in attack and defence, has a good swerve, kicks well, runs determinedly, and tackles well.

G. E. LARKIN—Handles and kicks well.

W. H. B. MACK—Makes good openings, though occasionally a bit erratic in passing, kicks well, and has improved in tackling.

N. L. HANNON—Is a fine scrum half, nippy, smart in getting the ball away, and plays a bustling game.

A. J. BEATTY—Has proved an excellent captain, works hard, and is good both in the tight and loose, tackles well, and is a good place-kick.

T. F. READ—Is good in the loose and out of touch, a fair place-kick, but a poor packer.

A. J. SMYTH—Is an excellent dribbler and tackler, but should work harder in the tight.

C. G. WHITE—Is a good scrummager and has stopped many rushes by going down on the ball.

F. S. MARCHANT—Has not been playing much owing to injury, scrums well and hard.

H. T. HANBURY—Though comparatively new to the game, has worked well.

ALSO PLAYED—G. K. Carpenter, C. B. D. Parker, P. R. G. Fennell, and N. F. Currall.

The thanks of the Club are due to Messrs. Wyon, Slade, Guest, and Ellwood for their kindness in assisting us in matches against Senior Clubs, and also for the keen interest they have taken in the Club's welfare. We must also thank Mr. W. B. Gilligan, last year's Secretary, for his kindness in refereeing our matches in the square.

MATCHES PLAYED.

Oct. 5th.—We opened our season by playing Leeson Park 2nd XV. at Belgrave Square. The game was rather one-sided, our opponents turning out short. Messrs. Wyon, Guest and Slade, and Beatty, Bell and Stone played best for the school. Won by 4 goals, 8 tries (44 points) to nil.

Oct. 9th.—King's Hospital at Blackhall Place.—The match was a very even one, both sides being evenly matched. Shortly after the commencement Mack flung far out to Bell from touch, who, drawing the opposition gave to Marchant (C. S.), who scored near the corner. The try was unconverted. In the second half, from a crosskick by Bell, Stone picked the ball up near half-way, and dodged his opponents and scored a beautiful try under the posts, Beatty adding the extra points. Towards the close, High School again attacked, and A. S. Larkin got over in a forward rush. The whole team played well; Bell, Stone and Hannon being specially prominent among the backs, and Beatty, Duggan and Smyth showing to great advantage in the pack. Won by 1 goal, 2 tries (11 points) to nil.

Oct. 12th.—Wanderers' 3rd at Belgrave Square.—It was a very hard fought game, and at times inclined to be "rough-and-tumble." All our backs were in fine form, especially Bell, who scored 3 tries, and Stone and Marchant who got 1 each. Mack and Hannon combined well at half-back, and of a hard-working pack Mr. Wyon was the most prominent. Won by 5 ties (15 points) to nil.

Oct. 16.—Mountjoy School at Croydon Park.—For the first time for some years we met Mountjoy, and as the weather turned out very wet, it resolved itself into a forward game, in which our forwards were beaten by a much heavier pack. Towards the end we rallied and Read scored an unconverted try. We had hard luck on many occasions, Hannon once crossing the line, but his try was disallowed. Hannon at half-back and Bell at three-quarters were most prominent whilst no forward showed to advantage, though all played up hard. Lost by 23 points to 3.

Oct. 19.—St. Columba's College at Belgrave Square. The first half was very even, St. Columba's only scoring once and converting. In the second half Mack broke away near the half-way line and scored after a fine run, Beatty converting. Then we went to pieces, and our opponents scored several times in a few minutes. Then we rallied and our backs got going, and A. S. Larkin got over for an unconverted try.

Bell and Mack were the best of the line, and Beatty and Duggan the pick of the forwards.

In this match we were without the aid of C. S. Marchant who was replaced by A. S. Larkin out of the pack, and Stone was injured shortly after the commencement of the game. Lost by 22 points to 8.

Oct. 23rd.—Mr. J. R. Brennan's XV. at Belgrave Square.—This team, consisting to a great extent of "Old Boys," was to have been skippered by J. R. Brennan, last year's Captain, but he was unfortunately absent because he was laid up with a bad cold, so Joe Bell, Captain 1910-11, led the team. The game was fast and exciting, but not productive of much good football. Both sides were fairly even, and the result of 13 points all represents about the trend of the play.

Oct. 30th.—Dublin University 3rdB in the College Park.—Though we suffered defeat, we had a very fair proportion of the game, and the play was generally in midfield. Not very long after the start, Mr. Slade, after a good bout of passing, crossed the line near the corner. The kick at goal failed. In the second half our forwards made some good rushes towards the Trinity line, but each time their fullback cleared. Also some bouts of passing came to grief near the line.

Mr. Slade, Bell and Stone were our best backs, and Messrs. Wyon and Ellwood, who made his first appearance this match, were the pick of the forwards. Lost by 24 points to 3.

Nov. 2nd.—St. Mary's College at Rathmines.—We started off with the advantage of the hill, but there seemed to be a lack of energy amongst the forwards. Our backs played the poorest game they have ever played, holding on too long and dropping passes, and so several fine chances were thrown away. Near the beginning of the first half, St. Mary's scored by intercepting, and they maintained their lead for the whole game.

In the second half the team improved, but could not cross our opponents' line. They kept St. Mary's in their own half, but the backs lost many a fine chance of scoring.

Hannon and Bell played best of the back division, and Beatty and Duggan were the pick of the forwards. Lost by 5 points to nil.

Nov. 6.—Lansdowne 3rd at Belgrave Square.—The game

started off well, High School scoring per C. S. Marchant in the first few minutes. Then the game settled down more evenly. After a while, Mr. Guest got a fine try.

In the second half play was very even, Lansdowne lost a few chances of scoring. Then High School pressed once more, and Smyth got over near the post. Beatty adding the extra points.

Mack and Hannon worked splendidly together, and the three-quarters all played well. Mr. Wyon and Mr. Guest, Beatty and Smyth were the best forwards. Won by 1 goal, 2 tries (11 points) to nil.

Nov. 9th.—Monkstown 3rd at Belgrave Square.—We started off very well, and pressed from the start. Hannon got the ball away smartly, and after all the backs had handled, Marchant (C.S.) scored an unconverted try near the corner. Our opponents' weight soon began to tell on our forwards and they scored and converted near the end of the first half.

Monkstown pressed for a great part of the second half, and towards the finish scored again and converted. In this match we were beaten by weight alone, our forwards being unable to hold their own in the scrum against a much heavier pack. Lost by 2 goals (10 points) to 1 try (3 points).

No. 13.—Wesley College at Belgrave Square.—This was a most disappointing match. From start to finish we were out-classed, both forwards and backs, our opponents being heavier and faster. Jack Bell and Stone were our best backs both in attack and defence. Lost by 40 points to nil.

Nov. 20.—Drogheda Grammar School at Belgrave Square.—This match was played in wretched weather. We pressed from the start, our backs handling the greasy ball splendidly. After repeated efforts on our part to cross the line, Bell picking up, forced his way through, and scored under the posts. Beatty converted. Drogheda, on the restart, attacked, and in their turn scored an unconverted try. We kept our opponents penned up in their half for the second period of the game, Smyth scoring an unconverted try towards the close. We should have scored many more, but the greasy state of the ball prevented good back-play. Won by 1 goal, 1 try (8 points) to 1 try (3 points).

On Saturday, Nov. 23rd, we met Masonic at Belgrave Square and emerged victorious by 17 points to 8. At their request we played a strict Cup team, G. E. Larkin and Dodds going half while Westropp took the vacant place on the wing. Masonic were the first to score through a misunderstanding between Cohen and Westropp, but the try was not converted. High School then attacked determinedly, and Marchant scored after a good bout of passing, but failed to add the major points. Before half-time Jack Bell scored for us, the kick at goal again failing. Stone

opened the scoring in the second half after a fine run, Beatty failing to convert. Masonic now scored and converted. Things now pointed to an exciting finish, but High School held the upper hand to the end, and scored twice, per Stone and Marchant, one of which Marchant converted.



Junior Football.



OUT of the 10 matches played, the J. C. T. and 2nd XV. have only won 1, and drawn 2. Excuse must be made for the teams, as they are the smallest that have turned out for many years, if ever before. The J. C. T. is inclined to be better than the 2nd XV., though neither team is up to last year's form. But, with plenty of serious practice, greater improvement will be made and, in consequence, greater success will come.

Among the players there are many that have shown great promise. Lewis has proved himself a capable full-back, and will, as he gains experience, make greater improvement. R. Gibson has done well at full-back and three-quarter, kicks well but is lacking in pace. Farrell and Westropp are promising three-quarters, and Thrift and H. S. Larkin, though both small, tackle well. S. Smyth will in time be a good half, as he is nippy and fast and kicks well. Fennell, Digges, G. K. Carpenter, and Currall all work hard, and are the best of the forwards.

The chief fault among the teams is lack of combination, and without combination no team can hope for success. The talent is there, but there is not enough heart put into the game. The members of every team must make a serious effort to improve their weaknesses. Then, and not till then, will our football be what it ought.



Football in the Lower School.



PRACTICES have taken place regularly twice a week on the upper ground, which is reserved for the forms from 3C downwards. They have been well attended, and the players, in spite of their diminutive size, have learned to infuse a spirit of keenness into their game, which some of their seniors would do well to follow. The loss of Mr. Gibson is greatly felt in this department, but our Hon. Secretary is most energetic and constant in his attendance at the Square. The "under 13" has already played 5

matches, and have not yet sustained defeat. The "under 14" has only been defeated once, and that against a much heavier team of Rathmines College. The mainstays of the team have been Digges, Farrell, Smyth, Hillyard, Hopking, Carpenter, Fletcher, Saville, Glover, Pedlow, Parker, Mackay, and with Matthews, Cobbe, Stephens, Jones, Parkes, Wigoder, and M'Garrigle are most diligent in turning up to practice.



Rifle Club Notes.



THE Rifle Club held its opening practice this session with an increased membership of 24. We have lost our former Secretary, R. M. Reid, and J. D. MacCarthy is now filling his place. We also miss the services of Mr. Nichols, L. J. D. Richardson, and J. R. Duggan, all of whom were very good shots. Mr. Bennett very kindly presides over our meetings in Mr. Nichols' place.

Owing to increased membership, we have had to divide the Club into senior and junior divisions.

As regards individual scores, Mr. Bennett, H. Molloy, and J. Phillips tie for the highest score of 42. D. E. Allen, who has left us for Trinity College, comes next with 41, H. Dodds with 40, and H. Goodwillie with 39. The averages for this session are not up to the standard of this time last year, but we hope to improve them in both divisions after the Christmas holidays, and do great things at the Easter competition at Ballsbridge.

As regards the Juniors, J. Mackay has made 30, the top score; and Clarendon comes next with 25. Some of the Juniors are not very brilliant, but with practice we hope to see them improve.

We must express our warmest thanks to the Sergeant for the excellent condition in which he keeps the rifles.

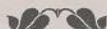
The scores and averages to date are as follows:—

SENIOR DIVISION.

Name.	Number of Practices.	Total Number of Points Scored.	Highest Individual Score.	Averages.
Mr. Slade	2	65	33	32.5
H. Molloy	8	364	42	30.3
D. E. Allen	6	214	41	26.7
H. Goodwillie	8	233	39	25.9
J. Phillips	7	244	42	24.4
Mr. Guest	5	136	35	22.7
Mr. Bennett	8	270	42	22.5
J. D. MacCarthy	8	186	32	20.7
J. Mounsey	8	258	32	19.0
H. Dodds	6	113	40	18.8
A. S. Thornton	8	145	29	18.1
N. Currall	8	122	21	15.3
Mr. Ellwood	4	64	33	12.8
W. B. Powell	2	31	16	10.1

JUNIOR DIVISION.

Name	Number of Practices.	Total Number of Points Scored.	Highest Individual Score.	Averages.
J. Mackay ..	9	119	30	13.2
Clarendon ..	8	124	25	8.8
Bird ..	10	104	21	8.0
Linnell ..	7	51	22	7.3
Russell ..	6	50	17	5.5
R. Molloy ..	10	69	15	5.3
H. Hopking ..	10	30	12	3.0
Scott ..	10	18	12	.8



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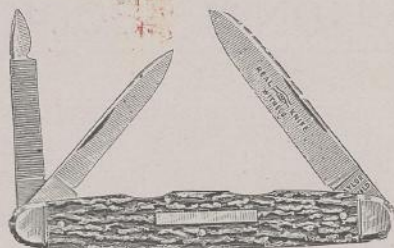


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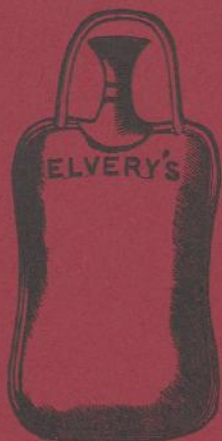
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